

duty, not only upon the limes, but also upon the brine surrounding the limes. A protest was made, and the matter was carried to the board of appraisers in New York, where the decision of the local assessor was sustained. Following this, the collector at Port Townsend imposed a duty upon merchandise in brine imported into that port. A protest was upheld by the New York board of general appraisers.

Then came the general order from the treasury department at Washington, making such an assessment of duty applicable to all merchandise imported in brine, which includes, not only fish, but beef, pork and other provisions which are preserved in pickle.

Brine is used on fish merely as a preservative, but it greatly improves the quality of the limes. It is believed this point was overlooked when the ruling was made.

As yet Collector Jordan has received no notice of the new order regarding the collection of duty on brine in imported packages and barrels. The collector said that if such an order had been promulgated by the department, as reported, it would probably be received by him soon.

The news of the appraiser's decision and the treasury department's order has caused not much comment here as yet, but as soon as all its provisions or its full text are known, may come in for general discussion and decided opinions.

Several of the leading firms, when they heard of the order this morning, thought it somewhat unjust and unnecessary. Others had little to say and one or two were found who thought the order all right.

The shippers will be the ones most affected here and the burden will fall on them mostly in the case of imported Nova Scotia, Irish and Norwegian mackerel and some little pickled fish of other kinds.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

Business continues practically at a standstill. In some of the big firms big gangs of skimmers have been laid off and only the yearly and weekly men kept at work. There is probably less fish on hand than at any time for the past 25 years.

Receipts this week show a long expected and gratifying increase, in the line of fresh cod and haddock, several fares intended for market going to the splitters, but at prices practically unprecedented.

Two large fares have arrived from the Peak and the captains report that the school fish have not struck there yet. Only three of the salt bank fleet were there.

Bait is a scarce article, the stock of Newfoundland being practically out of the market, but there are some shore goods on hand.

The seiners are fitting for south and the advance guard will sail next week. Most of the local fleet of salt bankers have sailed.

The receipts at this port for the week ending March 19 are

39,000 lbs. salt cod.
265,000 lbs. fresh cod.
65,000 lbs. halibut.
200,000 lbs. haddock.
10,000 lbs. pollock.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Firm Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	5.50	5.50
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.50	4.50
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	
Medium Georges cod	3.50	
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable	4.25	
Medium do.	3.50	
Large trawl bank cod	3.75	
Medium trawl bank cod	3.37 1/2	
Large dory handline cod	4.00	
Medium do.	3.62 1-2	

Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.90	2.90
Medium do.	2.25	2.25
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.50	2.75
Medium do.	2.00	2.00
Cusk	1.60	1.60
Haddock	1.30	1.30
Hake	1.10	1.10
Pollock	.60	.60

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.	
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 90 cts. per bucket.	
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 10 cts. per lb.	
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 8 cts. per lb.	
Georges halibut, 10 cts and 8 cts. per lb. for white and gray.	
Newfoundland salt herring \$4.25 per bbl.	
Smoked bloater herring, \$1.45 per hundred.	
Frozen squid, \$3.50 per cwt.	
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per bbl.	
Shore frozen herring, \$3.25.	

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod \$9.00 per qtl.	
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.75
Cured large Bank cod	6.25
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	7.00
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.50 to 3
Cured haddock	4.25
Heavy salted pollock	2.50
English cured pollock	3.50
Large handline bank	7.50
Medium handline bank	\$6.50

Mackerel.

Shore 1s \$19 to \$20 per bbl.

Shore extra 1s	21 to 22	per bbl.
Shore bloaters	24 to 25	per bbl.
Nova Scotias	18	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	18	per bbl.
Norway bloaters	39	per bbl.
Norway 1s	29.50	per bbl.
Norway 2s	26	per bbl.
Irish	16	per bbl.

Herring at North Truro.

A. Hughes made a catch of herring in his weirs at North Truro today.

March 21

GOOD FARES TODAY.

Splitters Are Happy at Prospects of Getting Some Trips.

There are 10 fine off shore fares of fresh fish at Boston today, besides 10 shore trips and a number of the former will come here to split.

At this port schs. Kentucky, Jennie B. Higdon and Agnes V. Gleason have good trips and some of them will go to the splitters.

The splitters are now happy at the prospect of getting some fish once more in their butts.

Bluefishing Fleet Getting Ready.

The New York bluefishing fleet is getting ready for the season's fishing. It will number 60 sail.

Big Fares.

The finest Georges handline cod trip for a long time, was brought in by sch. Hattie L. Trask, Capt. Peter Dunskey, this morning, 45,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Sch. Rigel, Capt. Freeman Crowell, is at Boston from the Peak this morning with a big fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh cod. The trip will come here to split.

WILL APPEAL TO SECRETARY.

Boston Fish Dealers Object to Appraisers' Ruling.

ASSESSING DUTY ON BRINE.

Congressmen Will Aid in Appeal to Secretary Shaw.

The Boston fish dealers, at a meeting held at 3 Long wharf, Saturday, decided to request the secretary of the treasury to revoke the decision of the board of general appraisers, placing a duty on brine, when used in the preservation of herring and mackerel.

They also appointed a committee consisting of Charles W. Wrightington, George E. Willey and Leonard A. Treat, with full power to act on behalf of the Boston fish bureau and the fish dealers generally, in following the matter up, and, if necessary, proceeding to Washington to lay it before Secretary Shaw.

This latter action was taken on the suggestion of Congressman Roberts, who attended the meeting. At Mr. Roberts' suggestion, also, the meeting decided to have the committee of three bring the matter to the attention of Senator Lodge.

The feeling at the meeting was unanimous against the imposition of the duty, several of the speakers saying that the question was not one of politics, but an effort to prevent the imposition of an unjust charge on a very important New England industry.

Mr. Leonard A. Treat called the meeting to order, at 10.30, and said after the formal statement of the grievance of the fish men, he would like to have any points on which Congressman Roberts desired information put, and they would be cleared up by the men interested in the matter.

Congressman Roberts took his seat at the table beside the presiding officer, and in an informal way asked several questions and made several suggestions before the close of the meeting.

Many of the fish dealers present gave their
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Good Stock.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. James H. Goodwin, stocked \$1800 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$45.

March 21

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Kentucky, Lt. Have Bank, 8000 lb. fresh cod, 60,000 lbs. haddock, 5000 lbs. cusk.
Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, Georges, 5000 lbs. fresh cod, 40,000 haddock.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Georges, 18,000 lbs. fresh cod, 50,000 lbs. haddock.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Mattakesett, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, shore.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.50.
Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.
Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.
Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak \$2.50, others \$2.90; medium cod, Peak, \$2.00 others, \$2.25; haddock, \$1.90; pollock, 70 cts.
Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.
Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. per lb. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.
Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Jubilee, 10,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Annie Perry, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Rigel, 110,000 cod.
Sch. Nellie G. Adams, 13,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, 40,000 haddock, 16,000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Indiana, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 cod 10,000 hake.
Sch. Dictator, 70,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Alcina, 33,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 6500 cod.
Sch. Illinois, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 1500 haddock, 450 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Livonia, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Massachusetts, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Oregon, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Albert Geiger, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Mettacommet, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Frank Munroe, 4500 cod.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 35,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 12,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.25; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2.50; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$2 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson was at Halifax, N. S., yesterday.
Sch. Robin Hood was at Louisburg, C. B., last Wednesday.
Sch. Hiram Lowell was at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday.

Portland.

Schs. Moses B. Linscott, Mary E. Smith, S. H. Pinkham, Bennie and Bessie, Julietta, Fanny Reed and Albert W. Black arrived at Portland with fish on Friday.

Bait at North Truro.

A. Hughes wires the TIMES that he has plenty of herring bait in the weirs at North Truro today.

March 22

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Jubilee, via Boston, 18,000 lbs. frs cod.
Sch. Dictator, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh cod, 35,000 lbs. haddock.
Sch. Rigel, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Patriot, Georges.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Speculator, haddocking.
Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, haddocking.
Sch. Senator Gardner, salt banking.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.50.
Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.
Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.
Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak \$2.50, others \$2.75; medium cod, Peak, \$2.00 others, \$2.15; haddock, (right through,) \$1.50; pollock, 70; cusk, \$2.
Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.
Bank halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. per lb. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.
Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Yankee, 15,000 cod.
Sch. Florida, 500 haddock, 6200 cod.
Sch. Freedom, 1800 cod.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 haddock, 200 cod.
Sch. Samoset, 16,000 cod.
Sch. Manhasset, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Valentina, 4400 cod.
Sch. Gertrude, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.
Sch. Angilena, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Standish, 14,500 cod.
Sch. Vesta.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod \$2.75 to \$3; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Hiram Lowell was at Halifax, N. S. yesterday.
The seining fleet will not get away as early as last year. Capt. Solomon Jacobs in the sch. Victor expects to sail Thursday, and schs. Bertha and Pearl and Ralph L. Hall will go Saturday. Schs. Nourmahal, Marguerite Haskins, Priscilla Smith, Diana Corsair, Rival, and Smuggler are getting ready.

Portland.

Schs. Eva and Mildred, arrived at Portland on Saturday. No fish arrivals were reported on Sunday.

Good Stock.

Sch. Gladiator, Capt. James Bowie, stocked \$2200 on her recent halibut trip, the crew sharing \$49.50.

March 23

Western Halibut.

Pacific halibut is in liberal receipt, there being five cars at Boston today.

March 22

"CALIFORNIA" COD.

Effort Made to Secure Orders Here Last Week.

Shippers Here Did Not Take Kindly to Them.

Gloucester fish dealers were approached last week by parties who were on east endeavoring to secure orders for consignment of western, or what are better known to the trade as "California" cod.

As far as known orders for four or five carloads were taken in Boston, but leading curers and shippers say none were disposed of here, as the big firms, even though very short of fish, did not care for the goods, which they claim are far from being as good quality as Atlantic codfish.

March 23

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, via Boston, 70,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flirt, Georges, 50,000 fresh cod, 35,000 haddock.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt fish from vessels: Large headline Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium do., \$4.50.
Large trawl Georges cod, \$5.00; medium do., \$4.00.
Large trawl Bank cod, \$4.50; medium do., \$4.00.
Fresh fish, splitting prices, large cod, Peak \$2.37-1-2 others \$2.75; medium cod, Peak, \$2 others, \$2.15; haddock, (right through,) \$1.50; pollock, 70; cusk, \$2.
Fresh fish for market: Large cod, \$3.00; market cod, \$2.25; haddock, (right through) \$1.75.
Bank halibut, 8 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. per lb. for gray.
Georges halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts per lb. for gray.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$3.50 per cwt.
Shore and refrigerator herring, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Joseph W. Lufkin, 55,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Appomattox, 6000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2400 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Maud S.
Sch. Robert and Carr.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan.
Sch. Maggie Sullivan.
Sch. Mattie Brudage.
Sch. Julia Costa, 16,000 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Electric Flash.
Sch. Mary Edith.
Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 2700 cod.
Sch. Sea Fox, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Mary G. Powers, 35,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Tecumseh, 13,000 cod.
Sch. Flavilla, 6000 haddock, 800 cod, 6000 hake, 1000 cusk, 300 pollock.
Sch. Morris H. Perry, 2000 cod.
Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Angie B. Watson.
Sch. James S. Steele, 14,000 haddock, 1800 cod.